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Paul J. McNulty, Acting Deputy Attorney General and United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, announced that former NBA star Ralph Sampson, Jr., age 45, currently residing in Georgia, was indicted today on one count of perjury and one count of making a false claim to the United States. The charges stem from a financial affidavit submitted by Sampson to obtain court-appointed counsel to represent him on charges of failing to pay support for two separate children. Sampson faces a maximum possible sentence of five years' imprisonment on each count.

Sampson is scheduled to be sentenced on February 1, 2006 by United States District Judge James R. Spencer after entering guilty pleas to the underlying failure to pay child support charges. Those charges pertain to his failure to pay support for two separate children. Sampson faces a maximum possible sentence of two years and six months imprisonment and an order for full restitution, in the amount of \$268,322.54.

Also announcing the sentencing is Patrick J. Doyle, Special Agent-In-Charge of Investigations, Department of Health and Human Services.

The case was investigated by the Department of Health and Human Services and prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Sara E. Flannery.

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